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DEVELOPMENT OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infrastructural loan is getting nil as a result of excessive concentration of the Government on term loan;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware of the adverse effect of obstruction in the development of basic infrastructure in agriculture sector;

(c) if not, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to bring the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS) under one Ministry either the Ministry of Agriculture or the Ministry of Finance to accelerate the crop insurance work; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. The Government of India created Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in the year 1995-96 for boosting investment in development of rural infrastructure by making available infrastructural loans.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Statement showing details of loans sanctioned and disbursed under RIDF is given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): As per the Allocation of Business Rules of the Government of India, the subject matter of crop insurance has been allocated to the Ministry of Agriculture only.